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Three local families take advantage of the spring-like weather.
 Photo by Terrance Gavan

Team Winterdance crosses the finish line

Hank DeBruin's Iditarod dream comes to fruition in Nome

By Terrance Gavan – Research by Jackie Brooks

It took 12 days, 22 hours, 13 minutes and 50 seconds for Hank DeBruin to make a trek from Anchorage to Nome. He did it on a sled pulled by a team of Siberian Huskies in the most iconic of races, the Alaskan Iditarod.

Although he didn't win the grueling race, Hank and his purebreds did all right. He was the first husky-drawn sled to cross the finish line this year. Because the Siberian Huskies hearken the roots of racing, DeBruin's Winterdance team got a warm reception on each stop along that 1,000-mile journey.

"It's been a pretty amazing 36 hours... it's not every day a major life's dream comes true," said Tanya McCready, via Facebook. Tanya is married to Hank and together they

own and operate Winterdance Dog Sled Tours here in the Haliburton Highlands. She kept about 3,000 Facebook friends apprised of Hank's journey via social networking, phone calls and personal emails.

"The Finisher's Banquet was tonight (March 18) and Hank came out with a belt buckle, a finisher's patch and a \$1,049 check, which will help pay the cost of flying the dogs and sled to Anchorage tomorrow. Hank enjoyed a hot shower and a good sleep yesterday (Saturday) afternoon and night and he's ready for bed again now."

Tanya's brother, Ward McCready, wrote on Facebook that the dream of running the Iditarod started with him and Hank 10 years ago in Bancroft. Since then, Ward, Hank and a plethora of dogs have run thousands of miles, competed in two Iditarods and finished one Yukon Quest.

Ward is the guy you don't often hear about. He is, not to get too maudlin, the wind beneath Hank's wings.

Ward didn't travel to Nome, but stayed in Anchorage looking after the resting dogs, giving Hank "one less thing to

worry about." Hank and Ward brought 18 dogs, and started with 16 dogs – the race limit.

It should be noted that every single dog dropped from the race is flown out and when they arrive back in Anchorage they are thoroughly checked by a race veterinarian. Then, if the dogs are lucky, a guy like Ward will look after them.

"I will not be at the finish line, but I was there for the first 1,000-mile race (in 2010) and I get five days on the drive home to hear the tales and stories with Hank," wrote Ward. "Thanks for the ride Hank and enjoy your day with your family!"

Last Saturday, at the finish line, Hank was greeted by Tanya and their four kids, Logan, Dustyn, Michaela and Jessica.

Hank is not alone on the stage. His 16-member team of Huskies included: Scully, Maverick, Viper, Zeus, Jester, Jed, Howler, Hosta, Charlie, Aster, Strider, Blitz, Andy, Jay, Nuisance and Strawberry.

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MNR relocation still on track

Algonquin Highlands Council summary

By Stephen Patrick

At the March 15 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council, Reeve Carol Moffatt was finally able to give council further information on the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) proposal to relocate its fire fighting operations to Stanhope Airport.

Moffatt said that the engineering building drawings that were required in order for Algonquin Highlands officials, notably engineer Mike Osborne, to draw up a budget for the taxiways and earthworks had finally been produced. The drawings would hopefully be released to the public this spring.

Moffatt also said that in her talks with MNR officials, including Minister Michael Gravelle, she had received no indication – despite the difficult economic times – that the project would be pulled.

Trail use climbs

Trails coordinator Mark Coleman reported that despite the balmy and unpredictable

winter weather, ski trail revenues for the January 1 to February 5 period were up by some \$4,000. The number of reservation inquiries has also risen significantly over last year's.

After his report, Coleman recommended that council approve the purchase of six Swift Kipawa Kevlar canoes from Algonquin Outfitters for the price of \$12,159 plus HST. Council agreed to issue a deposit of \$3,500 to secure the purchase.

Stanhope Airport

Stanhope Airport manager Duane Hicks reported to council that business at the airport continues to grow, with four times the number of aircraft visiting and over 100 more drop-in visitors.

Hicks adjusted the fuel price for visiting pilots, making it more attractive to planes on trips through the area.

A March 3 open house drew out an enthusiastic, but small crowd (due to blizzard-like conditions), to hear Hicks and Reeve Carol Moffatt outline upcoming improvements and plans for the facility.



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County news



Haliburton ATV Association wants to ride

By Terrance Gavan

The Haliburton County ATV Association (HATVA) wants access to the Haliburton County Rail Trail one month earlier than usual.

Eric Christensen, administrative coordinator for HATVA, appeared before the Haliburton County Economic Development and Tourism Committee to ask councilors that they consider a May 1 access date for ATVs on the Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT). Currently ATVs are not allowed on the trail until June 1.

The early opening would accommodate a May 1 opening date of the Victoria Rail Trail, which meets the Rail Trail in Kinmount, said Christensen. (The Victoria Rail Trail is an 85-kilometre trail with corridors linking Kinmount to Bethany through Lindsay.)

The original letter of petition was submitted by HATVA vice president Ron Cook at the July 2011 meeting of the Haliburton Economic Development and Tourism Committee – and tabled until March – requesting three changes to the HATVA's use agreement on the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

“One of our three requests, the permission to perform our annual clean-up of the Rail Trail during April was addressed earlier this year, leaving two outstanding items from our original submission,” wrote Cook, who could not attend last week's committee meeting.

The two outstanding items include the May 1 opening and an allowance for the use of wide two passenger ATVs called side-by-sides.

Side-by-sides are a little wider than regular ATVs, which sit passengers behind the driver. The side-by-sides have driver and passenger sitting together.

“These are rapidly becoming a large part of the industry with buyers drawn by their safety and the more enjoyable ride for their passengers,” said Cook in the original petition.

The Economic Development Committee seems to have no problem with the side by sides, but reaction was mixed regarding the May 1 opening.

“I suggest a compromise opening, coinciding with the May 24 weekend. I could bend that far,” said County Warden Murray Fearrey.

Minden Reeve Barb Reid said the compromise did not address the request from HATVA, which suggests that the Haliburton County Rail trail is out of synch with both the Victoria Rail Trail and the MNR, who generally allow ATVs on crown lands on May 1.

“We are out of sync, so either keep it at June 1 or change it to May 1,” said Reid. “If they (HATVA) are going to bring badly needed money to the trail... then we should go with May 1.”

Fearrey also wanted to know if the \$5,000 maintenance offer from HATVA came with an equal exchange. “(Are you saying) we'll

give you the \$5,000 if we get the May 1 opening?” asked Fearrey.

Christensen reminded council that HATVA is working hard on its own dime to provide tourism support for the county. He reminded council that HATVA is willing to donate \$5,000 toward maintenance – limestone fill and dust control – of the trail. Maintenance that would otherwise have to come out of county coffers and taxpayer's pockets.

“We're about bringing tourists here,” said Christensen. He told council that the May 1 opening would allow ATV enthusiasts from as far away as Lindsay to connect with the Haliburton County Rail where the Victoria trail connects with the HCRT in Kinmount. He told council that Haliburton County is losing money by not synching up the date to coincide with the Victoria Rail Trail's ATV opening.

“We're sending mixed messages to the ATV people,” Christensen told councilors. “Other trails merge with it and they are open on May 1.”

In a phone conversation earlier this week, Christensen said that HATVA was interested only in keeping the trails safe, ensuring that the dust was kept down and acting as rules representatives and “soft” wardens. In fact, Cook, in the letter reminded council that the HATVA members took that warden's job very seriously.

“During our involvement with the various public meetings held by the steering committee, a repeated concern expressed

by all users was the lack of enforcement of present regulations on the HCRT,” said Cook in his submission. “We hope the county will be encouraged to step up and commit to have by-law officers on the trail throughout the year. To date the bylaw officers have done only sporadic patrols during April and May. The City of Kawartha Lakes has a very visible enforcement presence on the trail to the south and issues numerous tickets with fines that are nearly double that of Haliburton's.

“While HATVA has regularly wardened the Rail Trail in the past, we find ourselves toothless in trying to discourage illegal use by offenders, making our effort somewhat pointless.”

In the interview this week, Christensen said that contrary to common perceptions, the HATVA membership is all about respect for the trails, the law, and safety.

“We don't like the speeders or the yahoos, and we tell our guys to stop for horses, bikes, pedestrians...” said Christensen, who is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce.

A decision will be made on the side-by-side issue and the May 1 opening at the next meeting of council on March 28 in Minden.

Christensen said that HATVA will continue to move ahead with its annual April clean up of the Rail Trail.

“Our members have been volunteering for the clean up for several years,” said Christensen.

County Council nixes bid for 2014 Ontario Games

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton County Economic Development Committee decided at their meeting last Wednesday, March 14 to withdraw the County's host bid for the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer Games.

At an earlier meeting of council on February 22, councilors agreed that the games should only proceed if they could enter the bid in partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Dennis Casey, who was asked by County Council in January to investigate a bid to host the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer Games, appeared before County Council at that February meeting with a comprehensive list of measurements and site venue reports that had to be finalized before a bid could proceed.

After deliberations, County councilors agreed that the implications and financial onus of an event hosted solely by Haliburton County was a little ambitious.

The bid comes lumbered with a \$200,000 bid guarantee and Casey had asked for a stipend of \$6,500 to do a site and venue survey.

County Warden Murray Fearrey said, at the time, that there was no room in the county to house the approximately 3,000 parents and visitors. It's estimated that Summer Games hosts need approximately 900 to 1,000 volunteers to handle the events.

Many other problems accompanied the

Games bid. Track and Field, swimming events, baseball and at least two other events would have to be hosted at venues outside – some quite outside – the boundaries of Haliburton County.

Track requires a rubberized surface and the closest facility is located at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Lindsay. There are only five Olympic-sized swimming venues in Ontario, so swimmers would have to be bussed to Carleton University in Ottawa or to an Olympic pool in the GTA. Suitable baseball diamonds are not available in Haliburton County, so ballplayers would have to go to Lindsay. Rugby would also have to go to Lindsay.

Fearrey then suggested the joint bid between Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes could be investigated. A meeting was arranged between City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County and last week the Economic Development Committee heard that the City of Kawartha Lakes was not interested in partnering with the bid or paying for half of Casey's feasibility studies.

“We don't have a monetary agreement from the City of Kawartha Lakes,” said county Economic Development Director, Bob Smith.

A recommendation to withdraw was put forward to all municipalities associated with the bid.

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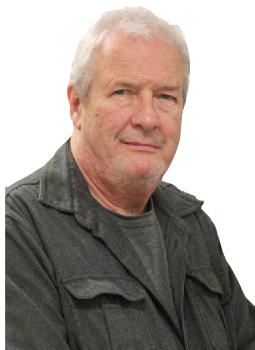
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Editorial opinion



By Stephen Patrick

The future of the Highlands?

Keep hugging those trees

The relationship between Highlanders and our forests and trees is long and complicated, filled with love, self-interest, and surely, for our original European settlers trying to eek out some kind of subsistence from the land, a little hate as well.

There was little, if any, permanent settlement here by First Nations peoples, although the area was certainly used for significant hunting and fishing during the summer months. But after the first wave of European settlers, lured by the prospect of lush farmland, met the unyielding, solid granite shores of the Precambrian Shield, settlers and entrepreneurs turned to the forest itself for survival. By the end of World War II, close to 95 percent of our forests had been clear cut at least once.

There is still some viable commercial logging in the Highlands, most notably under the enlightened auspices of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. But it's worth remembering, for those who think mindless clear-cutting is a relic of the distant past, that in the early 1990s, commercial interests clear cut two vast acreages, one between the Peterson Trail and the village of Gooderham, and another, known as the Woodland Ranch, south of Highway 118 near Carnarvon. As well, with no effective regulations in place, lake front properties were still being clear cut, the trees and natural shrubs replaced with neat little lawns and the requisite plastic flamingoes.

But then the business community, permanent and seasonal residents, lake associations and environmental groups gradually united in their concern for the forests. And as irrefutable evidence emerged of just how essential the preservation of shoreline growth was to the health of our lakes, our municipal politicians and officials began to take serious notice. A decade ago the county passed a forestry by-law that restricted logging on properties over 10 acres in size. Now the county has produced a draft of a new by-law that would severely restrict tree and brush clearing on shoreline properties. The draft is being presented this month to the four municipalities, and plans are being made for public consultations, notably with the various lake property owners' associations, during the summer. The draft, or at least its intent, has been strongly supported by councilors and staff across the county, despite the fact that there will inevitably be some serious political flak. ("My home is my castle – if I want to cut the damn trees down, I will, etc. etc.")

Our politicians and municipal staffs should be commended on their virtual unanimity on this issue, and their willingness to protect our collective future, even in the face of what might be short-term political pain. With this proposed by-law, Haliburton County has placed itself seriously ahead of the curve in lake front environmental protection. As the County Planner Jane Tousaw, commented (without a hint of irony), "This really is cutting-edge legislation – there aren't many by-laws out there like it."



By Bram Lebo

Keep going

When I interviewed Maarten Steinkamp two years ago for Canoe FM, he was brimming with enthusiasm for turning Haliburton into a dining destination. A native European, well-travelled and familiar with some of the best fine dining experience in the world, he told me there were three ingredients to success: good food, friendly staff, and pleasant ambience. His ambition was to draw diners with these qualities, an objective he achieved in partnership with experienced local restaurateurs and managers. The result was a set of new or re-launched establishments offering a wide range of

prices, food, and experience.

Aniž was on the higher end and, from my experience at least, had all three of the success factors Steinkamp noted. So what happened?

It seems a fourth factor may have been underestimated — the pool of available customers. I suspect Maarten recalled hamlets in Switzerland and towns in Holland where good restaurants draw business from many miles away. No doubt that's an inspiration for restaurants here and a reasonable argument for *build it and they will come*. Except here, in the Highlands, there just aren't that many people to draw.

The Highlands has a permanent population of just 17,000 and even that modest number is diminished in the months when snowbirds fly south for the winter. There are few remaining who have both the income to eat out regularly and the fortitude to drive long distances, in the dark, on snowy roads, for a night out. This winter, with the warm weather leading to a dearth of snowmobilers and other visitors, was even slower than normal.

In summer, the resident count swells by a multiple of three, but there are still challenges for restaurants, prime among them having to compete with barbecues on every deck in the Highlands. It's not easy to beat juicy steaks and the freedom to drink what you like, with no need for designated drivers. Cottagers did make the trek to Aniž, as they do to other restaurants, and it was a welcome addition to the streetscape of Haliburton Village.

But no matter how good the food or the service, it's hard to beat a Highlands summer evening, outside, at home. Indeed if the habits of my cottage neighbours are any indication, Saturday nights are generally not for driving, parking, sitting, and being served — they can do that in the city.

Some will be tempted to draw satisfaction of a sort from the demise of Aniž and 212, another of Steinkamp's ventures. That would be foolish. Steinkamp and people like him, with their creativity and willingness to take risks, are what will drive innovation, not just in small economies like ours but around the world. When we look at the Highlands, there are more than a few brave entrepreneurs opening pizza parlours, building greenhouses, developing lifestyle communities and creating unique works of art. What's sad in this case is a vision unfulfilled, and the resulting loss of jobs, though it's likely those jobs would have been just as tenuous somewhere else.

To be sure, Haliburton County is not a Muskoka-in-the-rough. We don't have the proximity to the city or the hundred-plus years of high-end cottaging to bring that kind of wealth and spending in our direction. But make no mistake — the boomers, as one reader recently wrote, are coming. Although they may tarry due to shrinking portfolios and a turbulent economy, dreams of trading the house in Toronto for an apartment and a cottage in the Highlands are fast being dreamt.

Reality will follow soon enough, and those with the prescience and guts to try things like Aniž will benefit, as will the rest of us who through these ventures find employment and quality of life. Perhaps in this case, the idea was before its time — but not by much; Haliburton Village's little condo boom will bring dozens of new residents to one of our towns; eventually, they will get hungry.

It took the Wright brothers more than a few tries with all manner of contraptions before they finally had that 12-second flight at Kitty Hawk. Like them, and like many Highlanders, Maarten Steinkamp and his business partners have the admirable quality of knowing what to do when a project crashes: get up, dust yourself off, and keep going.

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Letters to the Editor

Property owner opposed to location of second condo

Dear Editor:

Several years ago, my wife and I purchased a building at the former location of WRD Cottage Rental and Teddy Time (on Highland St.) from Bill Dewey as an investment, for its rental and development potential. It has a grand panoramic view of Head Lake, Rotary Park, and the hills surrounding the town, not to mention easy sidewalk access and a very short walk to the village, park, town docks, and library. As time moved on, we approached the property owners to purchase their properties to expand our neighboring portfolio to take further advantage of the location. We have significant investment dollars tied up in this location with the intent of constructing condos and apartments on our land in the not-so-distant future.

We were notified by mail that there was a public meeting regarding this proposed development; we weren't called about this meeting as we had been about others. My wife and I attended and voiced our concerns as follows:

If council approves Granite View's three-story building, would our envisioned five-story lake front condo with lake views and sidewalk access be denied because it is blocking their view, therefore causing a loss of property value for ourselves and adjoining property owners?

Loss of privacy is another topic that wasn't covered, as the adjacent property owners would be under the microscope of the proposed three-story building tenants again diminishing their property values. Who would want to buy a piece of property with no privacy?

After asking the committee members what to do about this situation, Dysart Planning Director Pat Martin said to put in our proposal so they could review it and I replied: our proposal would be in within 30 days. So our development for the distant future has turned into now.

We are presently in conversation with our lawyers and are willing to take this to the Ontario Municipal Board if council approves this.

For clarity, we feel the community definitely needs this type of housing; in fact, it needed it four years ago (that's another story). However, we think it can be better located to reflect the need for seniors, as that specific area of Mountain St. and Lakeview St. is steep and challenging in the winter, making access very difficult – and again it is not a benefit to the property owners as it diminishes privacy and property value.

Therefore, we blatantly oppose it.

Pat Casey
Haliburton

Still concerned about blasting

Dear Editor:

Thank you Terrance Gavan for your article in the March 8 edition of *The Highlander*, but you had the wrong end of the stick when you mentioned the neighbours' concern about "house foundations and sewers."

We all expressed concern about foundations and wells – what comes in, not what goes out – but now you have given

us something else to think about as well!

Pat Martin, Dysart's director of planning, called me and said that properties within 50 metres of the blasting area would be covered if damage occurred. Being raised in the Imperial math era, I'm still not sure if we meet the criteria?

Barb Morrow
Haliburton

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The Outsider — The longest arm of the law

Just recently I've had two brushes with the law. I know; you just can't believe it.

However, I'm not here to cry foul. No, I'm simply amazed at the lengths to which our law enforcement officers can and will go to get their man.

You've all watched an episode of CSI Miami, right? Go on, admit it. I know that uttering such words is tantamount to admitting you've drank toilet water, but we've all done it. Not drank from the bowl but watched Horatio ham it up until even pigs are embarrassed. The thing is, some of the things that the CSI team do to track down criminals are pretty amazing.

Maybe there is a little bit of artistic license taken, but if you need more proof think back mere months to stories in local newspapers of how two Toronto men were convicted of poaching moose in Haliburton County.

How were they caught? With DNA evidence.

"You're Nicked Sonny!" Or something similar but suitably Canadian was, I imagine, what the OPP officers pronounced as they presented the amazed poachers with this state-of-the-art, CSI-Miami-esque evidence.

But what has this to do with my recent criminal misdemeanours?

Well, although there was no DNA evidence produced, I was suitably impressed in both cases with the lengths to which the enforcement officers went to get their guy.

Scene one: I'm driving to the airport to catch a plane to

Blighty. Not especially late, but shall we say making sure I get there early, I'm cruising at more than a little over the limit. But hey, there's a straight road ahead and no one around. The music's turned up (a montage of Little Z's favourite nursery rhymes) and I'm in that holiday mood.

A gold saloon car, the only other vehicle on the road, drives towards me.

I almost wave as we pass each other, such is my sunny disposition, but then, as I look in my rear-view mirror, that same gold saloon swings around and the red and blue lights flash. I'm nicked.

It's a "Fair cop, Gov," as they'd say in Blighty.

Underhand, crafty, or cool? Whichever way you look at it, this cop was undercover and using high-tech gadgets to get his man.

Scene two: first the back story. It is spring 2011 and I'm out on Redstone Lake fishing with the barber. Not having had much luck we are heading back to shore when two fellows wave at us from another boat. We wave back and carry on. I glance back a moment later and they wave again. We wave back and carry on. It's not until they draw alongside that we realize they are conservation officers.

Uniformed and wearing matching Ray Bans, they aren't best pleased with our failure to stop immediately. We're instructed to show our catch. The cooler reveals one small trout, two Pepsis and a Big Henry.

"I need to see your permit," says the grumpier of the two.

Following the adventures of team Winterdance

Dear Editor:

Some of us down here in the lower 48 (PA) have been following the adventures of the intrepid Siberians of Winterdance, too. I'm pleased to see a few (two, actually, in this Iditarod) mushers still running classic Siberians (an ancient breed, while slower than the Alaskan huskies bred specifically for racing, Siberians are perfectly adapted to the Arctic environment – tough and hardy). It was great seeing Hank and team finish Yukon Quest last year and Iditarod this year!

The Serum Run of 1925 ran from Nenana to Nome, Leonard Seppala's team of Siberian huskies (laughed at by mushers when they first arrived in Alaska because they were so much smaller than the average freighting dog of the day... they gained respect for their speed, endurance and hardiness... as well as great temperaments) did the longest and most difficult part of the run. The blood of his lead dog Togo and the rest of his team flows in nearly every Siberian you see today.

It might be good to explain (to the uninitiated) what happened to the dogs that were not at the finish. There are vets at checkpoints, constant care and monitoring of dogs' health and well-being, and mushers who will drop dogs that may be tired, ill, or simply not enthusiastic (they're kept very safe until reunited with the musher's team).

D Reins? There are no reins! It's the one thing I learned as I went from training horses (where you control a 1,000-pound beastie with reins, legs and body weight) to training my own very small recreational sledding team! You only have your voice (and good brakes) to control the dogs! They would be hauling like maniacs at the gangline – and haul they do! Dogs naturally pull, some more than others. Mushers choose dogs that love to run and pull, acting rather like coaches to increase their natural athletic ability, carefully planning every step of a 1000-mile journey to ensure their dogs reach the burled arch healthy and happy (a tired husky is a happy husky!).

Thanks for sharing the story. We'll be watching for more adventures from team Winterdance!

Teanna Byerts
York Pennsylvania



By Will Jones

DOH! I'd left it in my jacket at home.

I'm instructed in no uncertain terms to produce it at the MNR office within seven days.

Now fast forward to March 2012. My lovely wife and I are standing in Gatwick Airport, checking in to fly back to Canada.

A fellow passenger smiles: "You're from Haliburton aren't you?" she says. We laugh and exchange pleasantries, but her husband, whom I think I've seen before is somewhat subdued.

It isn't until we're on the plane and 30,000 feet above the Earth with no possible escape route that he makes his move.

"The last time we met was on Redstone," he says sternly as we stand waiting for the bathroom.

That voice, where have I heard... "What? No, it can't be!"

It all floods back. The barber's boat, the waving COs, the Big Henry (mmm), the lack of licence!

"You're nicked, Sonny!" he announces in a bad English accent and we laugh.

Thankfully, I had taken my licence into the MNR as instructed to.

I may speed every so often, but I'll never forget my fishing permit again, especially now I know the MNR has its eye on me wherever I go!

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Letters cont'd

What will it cost the taxpayers?

Dear Editor:

What next? Now the provincial government, more specifically Minister Dwight Duncan, has come up with some lame confusing reasoning for the OTB (Ontario Trillium Benefit). His introduction of this so-called process has caused nothing but confusion for Ontarians as the majority of us have no idea just how this works or why. Starting July 2012, everyone who qualifies for this benefit will receive a monthly benefit instead of the one-time, lump sum benefit. His explanation is that this system will better help Ontario families. Is that so and just how does he arrive at this conclusion?

Many people depend on this one-time, lump sum to cover such costs as taxes, insurance etc. The Ministers' lame system means monthly preparation of cheques and mailing of same. Does the Minister realize this process costs money or did he have a lapse of memory and common sense? The only benefit I can see for the asinine process is that the government can periodically report that the deficit is not as much as thought. Perhaps the Minister should re-evaluate his so-called benefit to Ontarians and enlighten us as to how much the additional processing costs will be, its impact on the deficit, and what this will cost us, the taxpayers.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

Airport manager's comments misleading

Dear Editor:

I read with great interest the article in the March 15, 2012 issue of *The Highlander* concerning Mr. Duane Hicks, our new airport manager. I am not sure what to make of this but someone had to have schooled Mr. Hicks on what has taken place at the airport, and based on his comments that someone would have to be pro expansion.

Mr. Hicks states, "We're really not running that much of a deficit and I hope to make it better. More self-sustaining and profitable." I hope that no one forgets or that the numbers get moved around and hidden, but I would not call the past expenditures that put the Township of Algonquin Highlands in debt in excess of \$1 million "not really much of a deficit." That expenditure of course only covers the expropriation of land. Who knows what was truly spent on this project.

I believe all agreed that there was not an issue with having a well-maintained recreational airport. I do not recall anyone wanting a "Buttonville North". I fear this issue is never going to go away and will continue to be a threat to the peace of the people surrounding the airport and the taxpayer base as a whole. This is just another example of self-interest representing self-interest. Even better is that the taxpayer is paying Mr. Hicks' salary and with virtually no time on the public clock, he is stirring the expansion pot already.

I would like some assurance that Mr. Hicks was "just talking through his hat" and not reflecting the position of the current council concerning expansion of the airport.

Murray Adam
Maple Lake

Support for multi-purpose use of Rail Trail

Kate Hall presents survey results to Economic Development Committee

By Terrance Gavan

Community planning consultant Kate Hall tabled a lengthy study regarding Haliburton County Rail Trail recommendations at the March 14 meeting of the county's Economic Development Committee.

Hall completed the 30-page report with the help of a community questionnaire and a fairly detailed consultation with groups and individuals in the county.

Hall gave a brief, but detailed summary of some of the hot-button issues, among them a request for an early May 1 opening of the rail trail for ATVs.

The report sees a high agreement rate for shared use community zones and some rerouting of motorized access to crown lands. She said that there is also high support for current uses like Nordic skiing and snowshoe to continue.

Hall reported high support for motorized access and said that respondents who are also motorized users of the trail made up 89 percent of the people surveyed. She considered this a telling statistic.

She added that while there was high support to open the trail to ATVs on May 1, a large majority of non-motorized users want to retain the June 1 opening day.

The report also recommended accepting an offer from the Haliburton ATV Association to contribute \$5,000 to the Rail Trail for ongoing maintenance, dust control, and limestone surfacing where needed.

She said that speed is the number one concern of most respondents. There is high support for ramping up of OPP and by-law enforcement. The report also suggests that fines garnered should be used to increase by-law and rules enforcement.

"Monies collected by fines go to patrol and enforcement,"

said Hall.

The report suggests that the county develop risk management strategies and increase enforcement presence. The multi-jurisdiction enforcement could enforce speed limits and also encourage Rail Trail stewards to enforce those limits and other safety concerns.

She said that for people living near the trail, noise, dust, and speed were primary concerns. But she added that homeowners were also concerned with private property infringement.

The report also noted that sections of the Rail Trail will need fencing and increased signage. She pointed out that ATVs and snowmobiles were still considered a valued and integral part of the Rail Trail.

The report concludes that the trail, along with connecting trails in other municipalities, need to be part of "long-term visions," not short term ad hoc management.

The report suggests that county should investigate hiring someone to take responsibility of the Rail Trail's management going forward.

Tourism town hall date undecided

Haliburton County's Economic Development and Tourism Committee (EDTC) are contemplating a town hall meeting to discuss tourism in the county.

At the March 14 EDTC meeting, councilors pondered whether the meeting should be held in the spring or the fall.

Relations with tourism businesses and stakeholders have been strained since council decided to cut one salary, based on monies saved for the year 2012 with the retirement of current Economic Development Director Bob Smith in April.

Council did hold a stakeholder town hall two years ago in 2010, at which time Warden Murray Fearrey said he felt that the town hall could draw in the neighborhood of 150-200 stakeholders and residents if it was advertised properly.

The committee estimates that the meeting would cost \$5,000 to organize. Smith says that he could attend a meeting to lend his insight in May, even though he will be retired.

Council will have to decide at their next meeting if they can hold it in May or possibly wait for a fall date.



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by Ian Johnson

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Elaine Carr: The Land Narrative

Agnes Jamieson Gallery
To April 28

Reviewed by Victoria Ward

The human relationship with the Earth is a constant topic of subject matter today. And why wouldn't it be? In the last few years we have witnessed epic transformations in our landscape: the tar sands in Alberta is redefining that province's water ways, air quality, and land formations, as well as its image; the recent BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has impacted shorelines and species for generations and in countries with huge populations like China, urbanization is recreating who we are and what our relationship with the Earth really is.

Artists have been grappling with how to interpret these impacts and the various semiotic occurrences regarding these transformations. But the focus on environmental degradation in the last few years has created a void for art dedicated to illustrating a more gentle, thoughtful, and positive experience of how we view and relate to our land.

The new exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden is this kind of work. Artist Elaine Carr's *The Land Narrative*, which opened on March 1, is an exploration in memory and mapping that delicately explores the landscape unfettered by 'issues'. Her geographic and topographic inspired mixed media works explore the land shaped by the Niagara and Detroit Rivers – their formations and their histories.

This is exactly the kind of thoughtful and touching artwork that a gallery like the Agnes Jamieson Gallery should show. In a small place like our county, we need artists to engage us with our landscape experiences; and when the work can be as subtle and suggestive as much of Carr's is, the exhibit is that much more valuable to the idea of 'local' and 'locale'.

Knowing that Carr is among landscape-inspired artists such as Rod Prouse and Mary Anne Barkhouse, both of whom have exhibits here later in the year, made me realize



Some of Elaine Carr's work currently on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.
Photos by Victoria Ward

(disclaimer here: I have shown my own work there) what a gem of a place the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is and how lucky we are to have it in our community.

Carr's biggest influence was her father's work as a shipbuilder. She grew up surrounded by blue prints for ships and had a mature understanding about how you make things and how they work at an early age. Born in Scotland, she was raised along the shores of the Great Lakes and her relationship to them is embodied in this work. In the exhibit, aerial photos of river mouths and waterways are embedded onto paper and plaster connected by graceful drawings outlining the development and streets of the surrounding areas. The effect is lovely. You are pulled into the pieces by web-like ink drawings. Once there, however, you are actually hovering above, looking through cloud formations like an angel or in a dream where you get to look down on a familiar landscape. Occasionally there is an excellent drawing of a boat

entangled in what seems like a planners map. Boats, waterways, maps, and photos move from the technical to the ethereal as you contemplate the transience of these places. Her materials are varied, from Japanese paper to heavy amounts of plaster. She moves from the fragile to the cumbersome interestingly, albeit not always successfully. Her plaster pieces just don't have the same grace as her paper works. This is a small quibble because although these works don't excite me as much as the paper ones, I appreciate the experimentation. She should keep working on this because the idea is valid.

Two pieces with mylar and glass, are more successful, however the viewing of them might have had more impact if they were set down on a plinth horizontally so that you looked down at them. But, again, that isn't what she and the curator decided. Far be it for me to tell anyone how to do their job. I always hate reviews that review what didn't happen in the exhibition as opposed to what actually did.

I think the viewing of Elaine Carr's

work is in fact a large part of the experience of her work. She wants to get you into a certain headspace: the land tells a story. You are required to look through these pieces and stitch up the links between memory and imagery, which she refers to as an eidetic (mental images having unusual vividness as if actually visible) process. From her writing, "The words of the sailor, the road builder, the surveyor, the geologist, the farmer, the architect, the scientist, and the walker all construct the eidetic landscape."

This kind of informed and liminal approach to landscape art is really important because it helps the viewer look at our world differently without succumbing to alarmist rhetoric or chic nihilism. You suddenly see the shifts of time and how the Earth responds to those shifts. I went away thinking about the horses and buggies, which once tramped through the streets of Minden and along the Gull River and how echoes of their presence still remain.

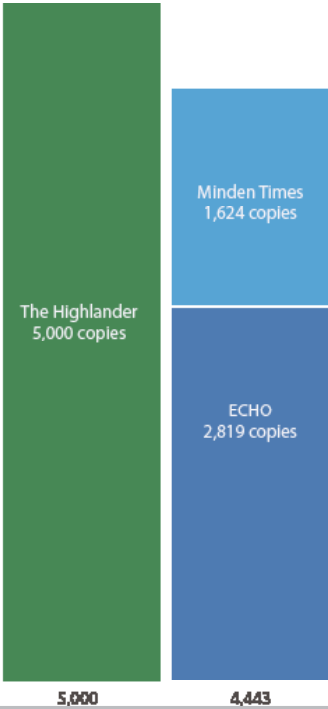
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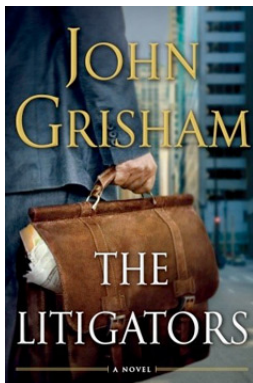


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State of the Arts ■

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of March 19 – March 25.



HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *11/22/63* by Stephen King
2. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
3. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
4. *Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
5. *The Far Side of the Sky* by Daniel Kalla

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
3. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
4. *The End of Illness* by David Agus
5. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain

New to the HCPL Top 5 Fiction list is *The Far Side of the Sky* by Daniel Kalla. This work of historical fiction is a 2012 Evergreen nominee. When the Evergreen shortlist was first announced, this novel was one of the slowest to take off but, as you can see, it became very popular as more readers were turned on to it. From the publisher description, "The Far Side of the Sky focuses on a short but extraordinary period of Chinese, Japanese and Jewish Second World War history, where cultures converged and heroic sacrifices were part of the everyday quest for survival." Just when you think that you have read everything that could possibly be written about World War II, a novel like this comes along to prove you wrong. Like *Sarah's Key* has been showing the reading masses these past few years, there are always plenty more fascinating and often shocking facts to learn about history.

Library News

Upcoming dates for the Friends of the Library's "Book Nook" at the Haliburton County Public Library's Minden Branch: March 22, April 5, April 19. Gently used books and the Friends' famous book gift baskets will be on sale from 12-5 pm.

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By Victoria Ward

And the award goes to Shakespeare!

Every decade or so, a new generation decides to interpret Shakespeare's work. Whether on film, stage, in books, or other art representations, the works of a 500-year-old writer are refreshed and made new. I have to admit a huge disclaimer here: Shakespeare is my most admired hero. No one comes anywhere close. In fact, I am almost religious on the subject. For me, these new interpretations are always welcome as I get to once again pour over his texts and watch artists twist themselves into knots as they try to honour some of the greatest literary and theatrical works ever created.

I am writing about Shakespeare now because this month sees the release of a new film based on *Coriolanus* and in New York, a new interpretation of *Richard III* takes the stage. Both plays are dark, tragic, violent, and without the romantic insouciance or analytic ennui that are the mainstay of many of Shakespeare's plays. *Richard III* has one of my favourite love scenes, but it isn't what you would call upbeat or nice; in fact, it takes place over the grave of the lady's husband. It is a dark, sexual manipulation of all that is sacrosanct in the natural world regarding romance and Shakespeare brilliantly pushes the envelope of decency without ever being crude or nihilistic. I wish more writers today would appreciate the taste with which Shakespeare dealt with taboo issues.

Both productions have been created by big Hollywood names. Ralph Fiennes is the creator behind *Coriolanus* and Kevin Spacey and Sam Mendes (they made the Oscar winning film *American Beauty* together) are behind *Richard III*. I haven't seen either and won't get to see *Richard III* unless I get to Brooklyn this month. Sigh. Spacey is the current artistic director of the Old Vic in London and this is one of his first big touring shows that he created there and has now brought over here. You can see snippets of his performance and the staging on YouTube.

"I am a villain, I lie, I am not. Fool of thyself speak, well; fool do not flatter; My conscience hath a thousand several tongues, And every tongue brings in a several tale, And every tale condemns me for a villain... And if I die no soul will pity me, And wherefore should they, since that I myself, Find in myself no pity to myself," admits a desperate Richard before he is slain in battle. He is detestable, of course, but he is also brilliant, cunning, funny, outrageous, and a great examiner of his own soul.

He is self-aware, which was a completely new idea to the Elizabethans; a villain who knows himself. We can't possibly comprehend today what kind of revelation that was.

Kevin Spacey seems suited to the role since his films and characters have always exerted self-knowledge in extremes of irony, self-loathing, and reconciliation. Lester Burnham in *American Beauty* was resigned to his selfishness and happy about it since it had never occurred to him to do what he wanted with his life. A sad but funny, mean but entertaining, sexual but ambiguous Richard is an apt interpretation for our uncertain times. A plane ticket to New York! A plane ticket to New York! My kingdom for a plane ticket to New York!

The more intriguing recalibration of Shakespeare will be Fiennes' *Coriolanus*. Not a Shakespeare we see done very often. *Coriolanus* tells the tale of a soldier who ascends the ranks of the Roman army. He is in utter contempt of his own people, has no allegiance to anything or anyone with the exception of his insanely domineering mother. He embarks on a path of war that endangers everyone around him. So hated is he by his own men, "a disease that must be cut away," that he eventually changes sides and ends up attacking his own people.

This is a nasty play, brutal and extreme but it has enormous resonance today for it seeks to understand the motive of leaders who abandon their duty to humanity. Fiennes has set the film in a quasi 90s former war-torn Yugoslavia where tanks and the back drop of Belgrade fills in for Rome. Fiennes is a mercurial screen presence, at once delicate and vicious, his *Coriolanus* should be intriguing. Both *Richard* and *Coriolanus* are real historical 'villains' and I think there is something to the fact that these artists have chosen these plays at this time.

I've always thought that Hollywood should get more into the business of Shakespeare. He was a populist and his work is smart, action-packed, sexy, and violent. I think this is why great artists of the theatre make these films, from Laurence Olivier to Kenneth Branagh, Orson Welles to Peter Greenaway, Roman Polanski to Al Pacino. Film isn't the best medium for Shakespeare; it is full of difficulty and challenges. Celluloid doesn't have the immediacy or magic of theater. But it is the populist vessel of our age. And then I get to see them. As I mentioned, my selfishness toward the Bard knows no bounds.

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Aging Well

Take care of your liver



By Penny Brown

Dear Penny,

In the last couple of months I've seen several articles on liver health. It seems the topic is a sleeper that people should know more about. I thought the liver takes care of itself. Does it? What can you tell me?

Larry the Liver Man

Dear Larry,

I don't know very much about the liver, so I've done a little research, gone to several respected sources and will simply report what I've discovered. Indeed, everything below is a direct quote from a reliable website.

The American Liver Foundation website (www.liverfoundation.org/abouttheliver/) says, "it's the second largest one (organ) in your body and is located right under your rib cage on your right side. It weighs about three pounds and is shaped like a football that's flat on one side.

It performs many jobs. Your liver processes what you eat and drink into energy and nutrients your body uses and filters out harmful substances from your blood."

On its website, The Canadian Liver Foundation writes: "The liver is a resilient, maintenance-free organ that's easy to ignore – until something goes wrong. Because of its wide-ranging responsibilities, the liver often comes under attack by viruses, toxic substances (including alcohol), contaminants, and disease.

Even when it is under siege, however, the liver is very slow to complain. Often, people with liver problems will be completely unaware because they may have few, if any, symptoms. The liver is such a stalwart organ that it will continue working even when two thirds of it has been damaged by scarring (cirrhosis).

While there have been major advances in treating liver diseases, there are no cures. That's why it's important to take steps to prevent liver disease, such as making healthy lifestyle choices and getting immunized against viruses that can cause liver disease."

You can read much more at The Canadian Liver Foundation site at www.liver.ca/liver-health/

On its site, The Mayo Clinic lists the signs and symptoms of liver problems, which include:

- Discolored skin and eyes that appear yellowish
- Abdominal pain and swelling
- Itchy skin that doesn't seem to go away
- Dark urine color
- Pale stool color
- Bloody or tar-coloured stool
- Chronic fatigue
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite

The Mayo Clinic also warns that "some herbal supplements used as alternative medicine treatments can be harmful to your liver." Given that warning, it's important that you talk with your doctor before taking alternative medicines.

After reading the information from these authorities, it seems to me there is no magic "liver cleanse" or drink or potion that ensures your liver will stay healthy. There are, however, a number of lifestyle suggestions common to all the sites I reviewed.

The experts all tell you to: eat less fat, cut down on alcohol consumption, practice safe sex, eat lots of veggies and greens, avoid illegal drugs, don't share needles, avoid contact with the blood and fluids of others, be sure that insecticides and other air-borne toxins don't get on your skin and wear a mask when using aerosol sprays.

So Larry, I guess the answer is yes. The liver takes care of itself—as long as you take care of it.

Readers, if you have any other questions – about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca

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Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

Four charged with impaired driving

OPP seek witnesses to Highway 35 collision

With files from the Haliburton Highlands OPP

On Wednesday, March 7, an off-duty officer from the OPP observed a vehicle in the ditch on Hwy 35, south of Humphrey Road, in the Township of Minden Hills. An officer from the Haliburton Highlands detachment attended, and during the investigation the officer determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol. Steven Manol, 53, of Woodville was arrested and charged with impaired driving; he was released from custody.

Then on Sunday, March 11, Haliburton Highlands OPP stopped a snowmobiler at the Raven Lake Landing in Algonquin Highlands and charged him with impaired driving. At approximately 1 am, officers on patrol in the area spoke to the snowmobiler and noticed that he had been consuming alcohol. Daniel Derry, 50, of Baysville, was charged with impaired driving.

On March 14, an Oro-Medonte man was charged after being stopped on Little Hawk Lake Road in Algonquin Highlands. OPP from the Haliburton Highlands detachment stopped the vehicle at approximately 1 am and noticed that the driver had been consuming alcohol. Erin McKinnon, 48, of Oro-Medonte Township, has been charged with impaired driving.

Finally, on Saturday, March 17 at approximately 4:30 pm, a concerned citizen contacted the OPP Communications Centre in Smith's Falls to advise of an erratic driver on County Road 11 in Algonquin Highlands. Officers pulled the vehicle over and determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol. Zbigniew Pytel, 63, of Scarborough, is charged with impaired driving.

The first three accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden, on Wednesday, May 2, to deal with the charges; Zbigniew Pytel is scheduled to appear on June 6.

OPP look for witness after Highway 35 collision

Haliburton Highlands OPP are asking for the public's help in locating a female who witnessed a two-car collision on Hwy 35 in Minden on March 18.

The incident, which occurred at approximately 12:40 pm at the south intersection of Bobcaygeon Road, sent the drivers of both vehicles to the Minden hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The OPP investigation is continuing and officers are looking to speak to a witness who was in the area at the time of the incident. The witness is described as a female who was driving a red minivan, believed to be a Dodge Caravan. If you know the identity of this witness or have any information concerning this collision, you are urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

OPP warn residents of dangerous water conditions

With the current streak of warm weather in the Highlands and temperatures forecast in the double digits this week, the OPP are advising residents to be aware of open and fast moving water.

With spring arriving, water levels rise and become unstable due to excessive snow runoff. Rivers will be moving fast with strong currents and the water is still very cold. Residents should be aware of the dangers present around rivers and open water and be mindful of children who might be curious and venture too close to these highly dangerous areas.

The OPP strongly urges parents to take the time to properly educate their children on the dangers of spring runoff conditions.

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Highlander food

Haliburton's Earthways Café offers a food with spirit

Michelle Connelly is a food guru with a passion for healthy eating

By Terrance Gavan

There is an air of comfort and serenity in this place.

A lot of that has to do with the enchanting presence of Earthways Café owner, Michelle Connelly.

But there's more. Entering the neat and compact premises, one is confronted by a feeling that there is more here than 'first blush.'

Entering Earthways Café (50 York Street) one is met by a big comfy couch, surrounded by a tasteful display of local art, jewelry, reading material, music, and scents.

The overall aesthetic, and Connelly's reassuring smile puts one at ease, almost immediately.

And, of course, that's the point, because this new shop on York Street – adjacent to Curves and across from the Library – is no ordinary café.

"It's a wellness kitchen," smiles Connelly. "We offer self-help books, music, and meditation." And of course there is food on hand. Fresh food, salads, fruit plates, and usually a daily special. "People can come in here have a cup of tea, a smoothie, or a salad," says Connelly. "Everything is vegan, so we cater to vegans and those who might like a change from their normal diet."

Yes they have a Facebook page. And it advertises "wonderful holistic nutritious food. This is a café that Haliburton has been waiting for. Great food, housed in an environment that lends itself to rest and serenity."

Connelly is chief facilitator, chef, barrista, and a very interesting person, with a deep understanding of and insight into the benefits of healthy food choices and the subsequent affect that those choices have on a healthy lifestyle and one's overall outlook.

She began to immerse herself in dietary studies soon after she had her first child. "I started to become more of a label reader, and I started to make choices," says Connelly. "In the course of that, my interest in nutrition grew and I decided to go back to school. I went to the Canadian School of Natural Nutrition and graduated in May, 2004, and it really opened my eyes.

"I thought I already knew a lot about food, but the course taught me much more. Like symptom-ology which is



Michelle Connelly, owner of Earthways Café.
Photo by Terrance Gavan.

really important. A lot of the times our body is telling us something, but we don't realize it. I found that we can learn a lot by how our body reacts to certain foods."

Indeed she also offers to bring that same knowledge to her patrons who wish to investigate their own dietary needs. So she will provide comprehensive wellness consultations.

She gained a lot of experience in counseling while working at a wellness centre and juice bar, Nature's Emporium in Newmarket. She believes that there's a similar interest here in the Highlands.

"I would love to see more of this nutritionist study grow here in Haliburton, because where I come from, at Nature's Emporium in Newmarket, they had a juice bar, but they also had a lot of classes," says Connelly. "I did a class for patrons there that was called Lighten Up."

She smiles. The class actually had little to do with 'losing' per se, but was more about eating a balanced diet.

"This was not just about losing weight," smiles Connelly. "We wanted to 'Lighten Up' the attitude about having to lose weight. Accept your body for what it is and eat smarter and eat more consciously... It's not so much the things you eat that are bad for you; it's the attitude you have toward healthy eating. Also what are you neglecting in the way of foods that are good for you? The attitude that one has greatly affects everything else in your life."

She offers packages and sessions for people and patrons that are interested in learning more about what's bad in the food and why we still eat so much of it. In short, it's something we all know only too well. Your diet could be making you sick. In fact, your diet just might be killing you.

"That's what the Wellness Kitchen is all about," says Connelly. "It's about conscious management. Everyone is unique and everyone has different needs when it comes to dietary choices. I have been doing one-on-one counseling ever since I graduated. The most important part of the counseling is teaching people how to take care of themselves."

That would be after the wellness plan and the consulting is done. Connelly is a firm believer in the "teach a man to fish" paradigm, and her goal is to make her students self-sustaining and not reliant on diets or further counseling.

"We go over all their symptoms and I have them do a food journal, and by the time I'm finished with them, they will know about as much as I do, when it comes to their unique needs," says Connelly.

She says that the Earthways Café is a bit of a gamble, but she thinks that there is room in this marketplace for a vegan-friendly café that also offers holistic dietary support.

And, hey, she's not alone in this gambit.

"It's actually become a family run thing," laughs Connelly. "My daughter Miranda (graduated from Hal High last spring) is a strong worker and supporter and she's helping me out this year while she decides where to go for school.

"And my husband Dave (Connelly) helped put all of it together."

It's a nice spot to mingle and nosh. And it's also a great place to sell art work, apparently.

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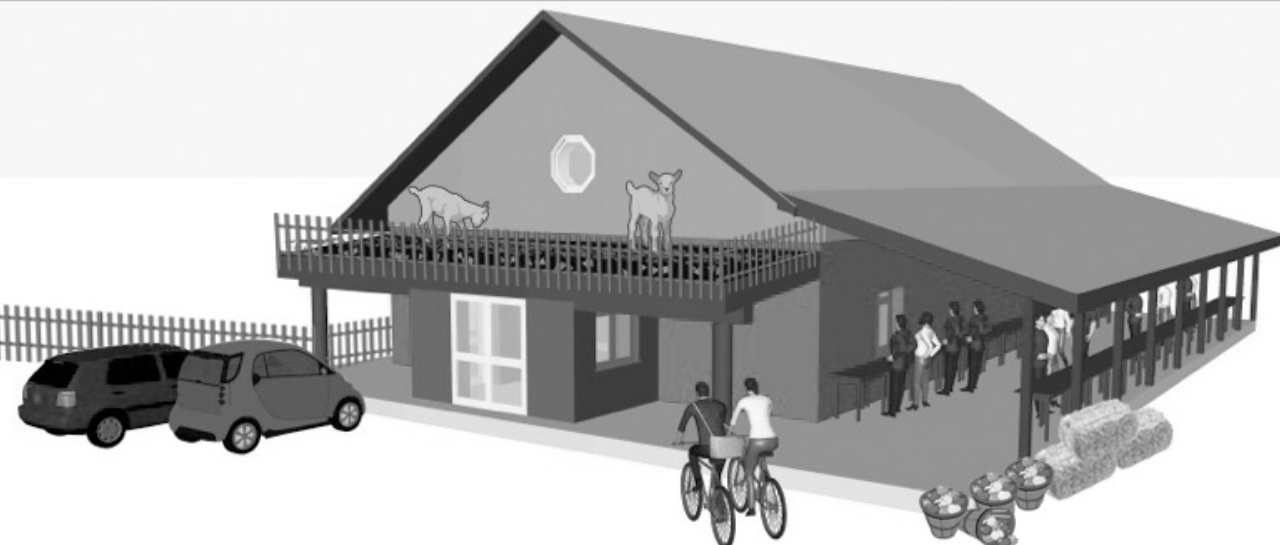
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Highlander food

Creative exchange mart in the works



Artist's rendering of the Creative Exchange Mart. There's even room for a couple goats on the green roof. Courtesy of Abbey Gardens.

By Will Jones

Abbey Gardens has unveiled plans to build the Creative Exchange Mart (CEM), a retail store and commercial kitchen, at the front of its site on Highway 118 near West Guildford. The design and construction of this new building, which will begin in April, will be undertaken by students of Fleming College.

Working together, Abbey Gardens Community Trust and the college's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program (SBDC), will aim to create a new outlet for local food producers, artists and artisans. The building will be constructed from environmentally friendly materials and it will feature energy efficiency measures including solar panels, low-energy lighting and appliances, and water treatment technology to minimize water consumption.

Shop local

Heading up the project is Paul MacInnes, Abbey Gardens Community Trust board member and chair of the CEM Task Force.

"Abbey Gardens has two main aims – that of the environment and creating jobs in the local community and this project, which will make great strides in both," he said. "The potential of the CEM is phenomenal. There are lots of people who want to buy local, sustainably grown and produced products, and, there are lots of producers wanting to fill that need. We hope to be able to create a place that will go a long way to helping both."

MacInnes explained that Abbey Gardens is actively encouraging local growers and suppliers to come forward and discuss how it may work with them. The retail store will sell both Abbey Gardens' produce and that of other suppliers and people will be able to book time in the professional, safety-certified kitchen to make products such as pies, preserves and other items.

"We want to give local producers a place other than the farmers' market to sell their wares," explained MacInnes. "Currently, local markets are the only places that someone making homemade pies, for example, can sell their produce. However, if they use our kitchen they will be able to sell through our store, too, and they'll be able to do it all week long."

Abbey Gardens aims to recoup the cost of running the store and kitchen by taking a small percentage of the retail price of the produce it sells for other producers. Other than that, no fee will be charged to the producer.

Building sustainably

MacInnes's first task is to manage the design and building of the CEM. He acknowledges that there are still challenges to overcome, including the securing of federal development funding for the kitchen and solar panels.

"We are dependent upon federal funding for certain aspects of the building and we're hopeful that we'll receive this funding. However, if we don't, the project will still go ahead but the kitchen and solar panels will be part of a second phase, when we can raise enough funds," said MacInnes.

Under the guidance of SBDC program coordinator, Pat Marcotte, students will work on the construction of the building as a major part of their 20 week course.

"We are thrilled to partner with Abbey Gardens," said Marcotte. "The goals and vision of Abbey Gardens make it an ideal location for our students to undertake their sustainable building project as part of their curriculum for the 2012 program."

Fleming College Training Officer, Ted Brandon, added: "The CEM is great experience for our students. They actually spend 70-75 per cent of their course time out on the project. This coupled with the fact that our course takes a holistic approach to sustainable design and construction, means that the students get a great introduction to building sustainably."

It is the eighth year that Fleming College has run the SBDC course and its popularity has seen students ranging from 20 to 60 years of age enrolling. The course takes a maximum of 26 students at any one time, and while it is due to start on April 9, Brandon said that there are a few spots still available.

Partnering with community

The CEM will be the first major structure on the gardens' quarry pit site. If successful, it will be the start of a much larger development that will one day include large greenhouses, solar power generation, aquaculture, flower and vegetable gardens, educational facilities and a venue for musical performances.

John Patterson, founding president of Abbey Gardens Community Trust, commented on the project: "We are delighted to partner with Fleming College on this first construction project at the Abbey Gardens site. To be able to collaborate in this way is totally consistent with the Gardens' long-term intent of working towards the sustainable development of our county and working in cooperation with other great contributors to the area's future."

For more information about Fleming College's SDBC course call Ted Brandon at 705-457-1680.

Food for thought Wintergreen celebrates 25 years

By Will Jones

Wintergreen Pancake Barn is celebrating 25 years in operation this year and owner Tom Dawson is as enthusiastic about maple syrup and all the locally grown fruits as he was when he started out.

"We've got so much great produce on our doorstep, from apples and blueberries, to choke cherries, rhubarb, and the means to make maple syrup, of course," he says.

Dawson and his family tap around 900 trees each year and sell maple syrup, along with a plethora of other tasty delights from their timber-framed barn on Cty Rd. 1.

"This year has been a bad one for syrup production," admits Dawson. "The weather has not played ball but we make the best of what we have and look forward to some great fruit harvests in summer and fall."

The pancake barn uses whatever fruit is in season as a side to its pancakes and maple syrup, or, to create all manner of preserves, barbeque sauces, and syrup products for almost any meal.

"What we try to do is to diversify and create unique products," says Dawson. "Being a local producer is difficult and you can feel overwhelmed by restrictions and regulations at times. However, think outside the box and you can come up with great ideas that add value and keep your customers coming back for more."

Currently, Wintergreen is open every weekend for pancakes and French toast with sausages and maple syrup, or Tom's maple baked beans. And, while there's still snow, taffy is a great treat for the kids.

Maple syrup popcorn

- ¼ cup salad oil
- ¼ cup popcorn
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt

Heat the oil in a large pan over a medium heat until nicely hot then add the popcorn. Cover the pan, leaving a small air space at the edge of the pan lid. Shake the pan frequently over the heat until the corn stops popping. Mix together the maple syrup, sugar and salt then add to the popped corn and stir constantly over the medium heat for three to five minutes or until the corn is thoroughly coated with mixture. Remove from the heat and spread on cookie sheets to cool.

Maple cream candy

- 2 cups maple syrup
- 1 cup thick cream
- ½ cup of broken walnut pieces
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla essence

Boil the maple syrup with the cream in a small pan, stirring frequently. Test it often by dropping a small amount into cold water. When it forms a firm ball in the cold water remove from the heat and cool to lukewarm. Then, add the walnuts and vanilla and beat until thick and creamy. Pour into a buttered pan and leave to cool.

Highlander sports

PardontheEruption

Two years for Graham James

By Terrance Gavan

Whatever you think about convicted sex abuser Graham James, you have to at least admire and respect the way the Canadian criminal justice program has treated the guy. Right?

On Tuesday, James, who was convicted on further sexual abuse allegations – this time of former NHL star Theo Fleury and his younger cousin Todd Holt – got a deuce.

Two years.

Who knows what that means. The defense was asking for an 11 or 12-month conditional sentence and the crown was asking for... ah, who cares what the crown was asking.

More important is what the judge decided, because that's the only justice the abused players – now fully grown but still ravaged by the ugly crimes – will receive for James's abhorrent and aberrant behavior.

James gets a deuce for the sexual abuse of Fleury and Holt.

Holt, who emerged from the courtroom to a wall of cameras, said he was talking for Fleury and had to fight back tears several times during his address to the press.

Holt, just another victim of James's abuse called the sentence a "national travesty."

To put this verdict in perspective, let's look at James's previous 'dance macabre' with the Canadian justice system.

Convicted of the sexual abuse of Sheldon Kennedy in 1997, James got three-and-a-half years and served a deuce less six months. That's right, 18 months. James applied for and received a pardon in 2007.

James actually pled guilty to the new charges back in December in a Manitoba courtroom.

Winnipeg lawyer Greg Gilhooly, who had his own charges against James stayed, told CBC television that James won't be playing golf this summer, but he'll probably be home for Christmas dinner.

"I spent more time in therapy than Graham James spent in jail and therapy, and this is a joke," said Gilhooly.

Sheldon Kennedy was in the courtroom for support. He runs a support organization for abused kids.

Holt emerged from the court, faced the cameras and told the crowd that he was speaking on behalf of his cousin.

He gave a shattering personal account.

I'm speaking for myself and my cousin, but also as a voice for every man, for all the young boys and men, the ones who got stuck between... the most devastating form of sexual abuse," said Holt. "Sexual abuse inflicted on us by a person in a position of trust and authority."

"Theo and I got stuck in the middle between boy and man. We made some terrible choices and watched the life that we were meant to lead spiral down the drain."

"No longer. Today, Theo and I speak to men all over and tell them, 'you, like us, are not alone.' The affects are far-reaching and sometimes feel never-ending."

"But there is a place and a time for healing. It is now."

And here his voice cracked. Under the strain of all that stuff. Secrets, lies, and outcomes.

"The sentence today is nothing short of a national travesty," said Holt. "Because we know that childhood abuse has reached epidemic proportions in our country."

And then Todd Holt literally broke down and was unable to speak for 15 seconds.

What Graham James did to Todd and Theo happened when they played together as boys over 25 years ago.

Theo did not come out to face the press and Todd was crying.

Men reduced to boys again.

And the culprit gets a deuce.

That's justice in Canada folks, like it or hate it.

Pardon the Eruption has no idea what's enough and what's too much in the case of child abuse.

I do know that the deuce doesn't do it.



By Terrance Gavan

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Walker and Cyr fall to world champ

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton Highlands' curlers Jake Walker and Ed Cyr made it all the way to the Canadian University finals, but when push came to rock, the dream pulled up short of the button.

Walker's University of Waterloo rink (with Cyr at vice) lost 7-1 to the University of Alberta Golden Bears in the championship game last Sunday.

Alberta was led by the 2012 World Junior champion, Brendan Bottcher, and the Bears finished their round-robin with a 6-1 record to advance to the final. In a previous round-robin match-up, Alberta defeated Waterloo 7-3.

Waterloo, led by 2010 Canadian Junior champion Walker, finished with a 5-2 record in the round-robin portion.

The Warriors started out 5-0, before dropping draws 6 and 7 to Alberta and Brock (7-4). In the semi-finals versus Brock, Waterloo opened with three in the first end and held off a Badger comeback to emerge as 8-5 winners.

Walker was reached Monday afternoon while washing his car. The Ontario champ said that they had a good run in the season

and a pretty good finish.

"Yeah we're pretty happy with how we did overall," said Walker. "Our goal at the beginning of the season was to make the playoffs and once we got there, we reassessed."

He gave full credit to Bottcher. "He's the world junior champ and now the Canadian champ so, yeah, he's having a great year," said Walker.

And about that 7-1 loss, well, Walker said that they did not bring their best game to the final.

"It was a difficult day for us, we struggled a lot with the ice and we couldn't figure it out," said Walker. "They deserved the win, and they have a very good team."

Meanwhile, Walker is not looking into competing on the men's Ontario circuit for a while.

He's looking at a full load in the engineering faculty and he's also participating in Waterloo's co-op degree program.

"I have a job lined up at Toyota for my next co-op assignment," he said. "I'm on schedule to finish my degree in 2014 and at that point I will have to make a decision about curling competitively."

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Highlander sports

Coach Yake wins prestigious high school coaching award

By Terrance Gavan

On Wednesday, March 21, Ron Yake received the OFSAA Leadership award at the All Ontario Hockey Banquet in Peterborough.

Ron Yake has coached the Haliburton High School Red Hawks hockey team for just about a quarter century.

Ron's tribute, written by his friend and co-coach Bruce Griffith, follows.

"Ron Yake started coaching high school hockey in 1988 with former NHL star Ron Stackhouse at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. For the next 24 years he never missed a practice or game and developed a school sporting program unequalled in Haliburton County.

"Every hockey player who grows up in the Haliburton area dreams of playing for the Red Hawks under Coach Yake. It's the team to make! The coaches never have to take attendance at hockey practices; the desire to improve and play as a Red Hawk is ingrained into every player, year after year.

"Coach Yake has had many players go to semi-pro hockey in Europe and the States, the NCAA, the OUAA, and recently the NHL (Matt Duchene). This passion comes from a winning program with a long list of successes, and a coach who is a thinker and who always strives to bring the best out of his players.

"Success in hockey does not come easy and with patience and dedication Coach Yake's program started to gain fame in 2004 with a trip to OFSAA and an Antique Bronze medal win.

"In 2007 with the help of super star Matt Duchene, the Red Hawks won COSSA-AA and earned another trip to OFSAA. And in 2010, they made another trip to OFSAA. The highlight of Coach Yake's career has



Ron Yake. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

been the past two seasons; last year both Yake boys (Brendan and Brett) were on their father's team and they played undefeated in their regular season and won all three hockey tournaments they entered. (At Lake Placid, Ottawa, and the St Peter's Classic A division.)

"We thought this kind of season could never repeat itself, but this year the Red Hawks again went undefeated in regular season and won both the Maxwell Classic and the St. Petes A division tournaments.

"Coach Yake's philosophy is not about winning; it's about working hard, loving the game; and great things will happen.

"One of his famous quotes is: 'It's not easy to win. Enjoy the success of hard work.'"

We talked to Coach Yake on Tuesday evening.

He told *The Highlander* that he was a bit overwhelmed by the selection.

"It's exciting and humbling," said Yake. "It's definitely unexpected and it was a surprise. So, that's a good end of the year for me personally, but I would have rather had the hockey team down there with me."

He says that his 24 years with the Hawks

that we all have is: when we walk into the rink we enjoy the game."

And yes, coach Ron Yake has hobbies. He loves ice fishing and plays recreational hockey where he competes quite well indeed.

Another men's league player, Kim Emmerson, who has had the pleasure of watching Yake Sr. skating by him during many rec league games over the years, is succinct in his appraisal of the old coach, who can apparently still bring it on the ice.

"He's smooth," said Emmerson, after a game one night. "And his head – just watch him sometime – is always up."

And that innocuous comment takes shape when you watch the Red Hawks. Long passes, head man, spot the open player, and quick puck movement are the hallmarks of a Yake-coached squad. You don't manage that if you're staring at the puck.

Like coach; like team.

Yake takes all facets of his job seriously.

"Part of coaching is teaching," Yake said.

He says you don't volunteer for this gig on a whim and he adds that he's in for the long haul.

"I've been to three OFSAA's now, and hope to get to another one or two, before I'm done," laughed Yake.

The award? Yake prefers to think of it as a team trophy.

"It's a recognition of success, teamwork, and hard work."

Bruce Griffith
Coach and Colleague

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Visitation & Funeral Service

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Vincent Gillon

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Highlands Health Services Friday March 16, 2012 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of the late Helen Gillon. Loving father to Robert (Kirsty) and Eleanor (William). Vincent leaves behind one grandchild, Carson. Cherished son of the late John and Alexandria Gillon. Loving brother to the late Betty McArdle and survived by brothers Jack (Catherine) and Paul (Jenny). He is lovingly remembered by his many nephews and nieces and his extended family. Vincent was born in Gourock, Scotland and moved to Canada as a young man. He is leaving behind many long-time friends he met throughout his life; at the Ministry of Transportation in Toronto where he worked, as a member of the Brampton Scottish Club, as past president of the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada and member of the Clan Maclean. While living in Haliburton, Vincent helped run the Head of the Lakes Bed and Breakfast with his late wife Helen. He was a member of the Haliburton Highland Games committee and member of the Haliburton Lions Club. Vincent enjoyed sharing stories and knowledge of all things Scottish, he loved horses and photography. Vincent will be sadly missed by many.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, March 21, 2012 from 12 (Noon) until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Huntington's Society of Canada or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family.



Highlander events

Big wheels coming to Haliburton

By Terrance Gavan

Do you have a team? Does it need building? If you've answered yes to both of those questions, then it's time to hop on a bike. The Heart and Stroke Big Bike has been active in Canada for 18 years and is coming to Haliburton for the first time in May. "The Heart and Stroke Big Bike is a team event geared towards community organizations, companies, and groups," says the Heart and Stroke website. "Teams made up of 29 enthusiastic riders (and one driver provided by the Foundation) pedal through their community in support of heart disease and stroke research."

Now not many businesses in Haliburton County actually have 29 employees, but Heart and Stroke representatives say that is not a problem. Smaller teams are welcome and the representatives will fill out rosters accordingly.

A couple of representatives from Heart and Stroke were in town on Monday trying to map out a race route that does not involve hills. They think they have an adequate path going from Head Lake Park to the Patient News Publishing parking lot on Hwy 21 and back.

The initial okay for the big bike ride was given by Dysart et al council a few months ago. Now the ride's coordinator Vicki Thompson will have to return to council to get the actual route approved.

As the race website suggests, this is a big deal for the competing teams and a great advertisement for Heart and Stroke Research. "Especially for Big Bike Riders, the Heart and Stroke Big Bike is a fun and inspiring team-building ride on a one-of-a-kind bike built for 30 that raises funds towards life saving research for the Heart and Stroke Foundation."

Last year's nationwide fundraiser brought out over 40,000 riders in over 200 communities and raised over \$7 million for research.

A team captain must be appointed to register a team. There is no registration fee, however, every rider must gather sponsors. Heart and Stroke asks that each rider aim for a \$50 sponsorship, which amounts to almost \$1,500 per ride.

The ride is not a race, but a fun way to build heart health awareness, camaraderie, and community spirit. Food and refreshments are provided following your team's participation.

The big bike has 30 seats and 1 driver. The team name will be displayed on a sign that is fastened to the front of the bike.

Individuals between the ages of 14-17 are allowed to ride on the condition that a parent or legal guardian has provided signed permission on a waiver form. Children under 14 are not eligible to participate.

For more information call Vicki at the Heart and Stroke Foundation 1-888-473-4636 and visit the website at bigbike.ca.

March - April 2012

MARCH 29 TO APRIL 4

NOTICES:

- SIRCH Hike for Hospice is taking place on April 28! Collect pledges individually or in a team and meet at HHSS at 10:15 am to register. 100% of funds raised stay in our community.
- COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE, SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, April 15, 1 pm to 5 pm
- GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA! The combined choirs of Zion & Haliburton United Churches, under the direction of Melissa A. Stephens, present *The Rose of Calvary* by Joseph Martin, April 6, Camarvon - 9 am, Haliburton - 11:15 am

Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, 705-286-3085

- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941

Friday - 30

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941

Saturday - 31

- Easter Bake & Craft Sale, Gooderham United Church, 10 am to 3 pm, soup, sandwiches, deserts available

Church, 7 pm to 10 pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca

- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 3

- Dental Screenings for children, Haliburton Early Years Centre, offered by the HKPR Dental Department, 10 am to 12 noon, sign up by March 29, 705-457-2989
- Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9 am to 12 noon, Doug, 705-489-3850
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation
- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7 pm to 10 pm, 705-754-1457, carolstamp@sympatico.ca
- Wii, Community Care Drop in centre, 9:30 am - 12 noon, 705-457-2941

Wednesday - 4

- Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9 am to 12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Doug, 705-489-3850
- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End Gallery, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, 705-457-2330

Thursday - 29

- Play Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, X311
- Cardiff Kinder Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, (705) 457-5345, X311
- FREE Public Skating - Dysart Arena, Haliburton, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, Ray 705-457-2083, rmiscio@dysartetal.ca
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community

APRIL

Monday - 2

- Parent Child Mother Goose, Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre (ending Monday, April 30), 10 am to 11 am, register with OEYC at 705-286-4625 or 705-457-2989, offered in partnership with Point in Time
- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6 pm to 9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist

Email louise@haliburtonhighlander to have your local event advertised.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

HALIBURTON Branch 129 705-457-2571

- Wednesdays - 7 pm, Bingo

MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, rolbranch636@hotmail.com

- Mondays - 7:30 pm, Cribbage Night
- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw
- Thursdays - 7:30 pm, Euchre
- Fridays - 5 pm to 7 pm, Fish & Chips Dinner

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221,

jandreamweaver@aol.com

- Saturday, March 31 - 2 pm, Meat Draw
- Tuesday, April 3 - 7 pm, Executive Meeting
- Friday, April 6 - 5-7 pm, Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner
- Mondays - 7 pm, Bid Euchre
- Wednesdays - 7:30 pm, Darts
- Fridays - 1:30 pm, Pool; 7 pm, Jam Session
- Sundays - 1-6 pm Free Pool, Retro Drink Prices

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Highlander life



Hank spreads straw for the team in Unalakleet while two vets check out the dogs.
Photo by Tanya McCready.



Hank DeBruin at the end of the Iditarod 2012.
Photo courtesy of Winterdance Dog Sled Tours.

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Pat Moon, Hank's good buddy who scratched his team in Ruby on March 11, may not have finished, but he did do something that overshadows finishing a 1,000 mile tundra trek.

The Alaska Dispatch reported that Moon came to the aid of an injured child in Ruby on Monday, the day after he scratched his team. The child was severely cut and bleeding profusely after crashing his sled (not dog sled) into a parked snowmobile.

The Village Public Safety Officer (PSO) was unavailable, so fraught adults and friends, in a last chance gambit, ran to the Iditarod check point.

Pat said he would assist. "When he got to the house, he calmed everyone down, stopped the bleeding, cleaned the cut, and applied what was needed to help stop the bleeding and hold the face together," an email from the grateful family member said. "Without Pat, we would have lost a family member."

Stories like that dot the landscape all along the Iditarod trail.

Tanya says that Hank enjoys meeting the people in Villages along the way. They are, after all, a musher's only touchstone to humanity.

Near the end of the race Tanya enjoyed a stay in Unalakleet, spending time with the locals. She also made a point of stopping in at Peace on Earth Pizza before Hank arrived.

"This is the wonderful place that sent Hank the free pizza about midnight one night as he camped out in the airport with the team after his (2010) race ended," wrote McCready. "I got to thank the owners in person, as that pizza was such a huge gift to him that night, in so many ways."

Dallas Seavey, a 25-year-old, won this year's race in nine days, four hours, 29 minutes and 26 seconds. Dallas, who had both his father and grandfather hot in pursuit on the trail behind him, became the youngest winner in the history of the Iditarod.



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Highlander life



A green-filled lunch

Ladies Auxiliary hosts annual St. Patty's Day event

The Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary once again hosted their popular St. Patty's Day luncheon at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, March 16. The ladies, many of whom were decked out in green, served patrons stew and desserts.

Pictured above, left to right: Sarah James, Daniel and Rowan James, Elisa Erik and Ladies Auxiliary president Cheryl James. Left: Mary Jane Dillon serves some hot beverages.

Photos by Walt Griffin



Tim Hagarty checking the pot for some Maple Syrup. Photo submitted.

Sugaring off at the museum

The Haliburton Highlands Museum "Sugaring Off" event held during the March Break was a great success. Over 500 visitors came to see how to make Maple Syrup the old fashioned way. Starting with a brace and bit to hole the trees, an 1890 kettle pot and a 1910 boiling pot over open fires, the museum staff and volunteers delighted the kids with stories and a taste of delicious maple syrup. On Friday and Saturday morning, piper Jim Thompson greeted visitors with the sound of the pipes. The open stage on Friday was a success with performances from local musicians. The event concluded on Saturday with entertainment from the group *All Strings Considered*.

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